

What is claimed is:

1. A method for integrating links to content at multiple sources, comprising the steps of:
providing an on-line account with access to a first electronic work, wherein the account is accessible based on a user identification, wherein a first identifier identifies the first electronic work, and wherein the first identifier is linked to the on-line account;
receiving the user identification, a second identifier for a second electronic work, and an address for a remote content location;
storing the second identifier and the address for the remote content location;
linking the second electronic work to the on-line account;
receiving a request for the second electronic work; and
sending a message identifying the second electronic work to a network location to initiate delivery of the second electronic work to a network location.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the address for the remote location is an Internet protocol address.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of receiving further includes receiving meta-data associated with the second electronic work.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the second identifier is assigned to the second electronic work incrementally.
5. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of updating the address of remote content location.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein the network location is an Internet protocol address.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein the steps occur in order.
8. The method of claim 1, wherein the account is linked to multiple remote content locations.
9. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
- storing meta-data associated with the first electronic work;
- receiving meta-data associated with the second electronic work from the remote content source; and
- integrating the meta-data associated with the first electronic work with the meta-data associated with the second electronic work.
10. The method of claim 1, wherein the first electronic work was added to the on-line account after the user proved ownership of the first electronic work.
11. The method of claim 10, wherein the user proved ownership with a physical copy of the first electronic work.
12. The method of claim 1, wherein the first electronic work was added to the on-line account when authorization was received from a retailer.
13. The method of claim 1, wherein the network location is the user location.
14. The method of claim 1, wherein the message also identifies the address of the remote content location.
15. A method for integrating links to multiple sources of content, comprising the steps of:
- scanning a memory in a remote content location for an electronic work, wherein the remote content location has an address;
- assigning an identifier to the electronic work;

transmitting the identifier and the address of the remote content location to a central location;

receiving a request for the electronic work from the central location, wherein the request includes an instruction to provide the electronic work to a specified location;

retrieving the electronic work from memory; and

providing the electronic work to the specified location.

16. The method of claim 15, further comprising the step of extracting meta-data from the electronic work.

17. The method of claim 15, wherein the step of transmitting also transmits at least some meta-data to the central location.

18. The method of claim 15, further comprising the step of inserting the assigned identifier, a file name, and a local address into a look-up table.

19. The method of claim 15, wherein the step of scanning scans the memory for files with certain characteristics.

20. The method of claim 15, wherein the electronic work has a file name, and claim 15 further comprises the step of generating meta-data for the electronic work based on the file name.

21. The method of claim 15, wherein step of assigning is done incrementally.

22. A system for integrating links to content at multiple sources, comprising:

means for providing an on-line account with access to a first electronic work, wherein the account is accessible based on a user identification, wherein a first identifier identifies the first electronic work, and wherein the first identifier is linked to the on-line account;

means for receiving the user identification, a second identifier for a second electronic work, and an address for a remote content location;

means for storing the second identifier and the address for the remote content location;

means for linking the second electronic work to the on-line account;

means for receiving a request for the second electronic work; and

means for sending a message identifying the second electronic work to a network location to initiate delivery of the second electronic work to a network location.

23. A computer program product comprising a computer useable medium having computer program logic recorded thereon for enabling a processor in a computer system to integrate links to content at multiple sources, said computer program logic comprising:

providing means for enabling the processor to provide an on-line account with access to a first electronic work, wherein the account is accessible based on a user identification, wherein a first identifier identifies the first electronic work, and wherein the first identifier is linked to the on-line account;

receiving means for enabling the processor to receive the user identification, a second identifier for a second electronic work, and an address for a remote content location;

storing means for enabling the processor to store the second identifier and the address for the remote content location;

linking means for enabling the processor to link the second electronic work to the on-line account;

receiving means for enabling the processor to receive a request for the second electronic work; and

sending means for enabling the processor to send a message identifying the second electronic work to a network location to initiate delivery of the second electronic work to a network location.

24. A system for integrating links to multiple sources of content, comprising:

means for scanning a memory in a remote content location for an electronic work,

wherein the remote content location has an address;

means for assigning an identifier to the electronic work;

means for transmitting the identifier and the address of the remote content location to a central location;

means for receiving a request for the electronic work from the central location, wherein the request includes an instruction to provide the electronic work to a specified location;

means for retrieving the electronic work from memory; and

means for providing the electronic work to the specified location.

25. A computer program product comprising a computer useable medium having computer program logic recorded thereon for enabling a processor in a computer system to integrate links to multiple sources of content, said computer program logic comprising:

scanning means for enabling the processor to scan a memory in a remote content location for an electronic work, wherein the remote content location has an address;

assigning means for enabling the processor to assign an identifier to the electronic work;

transmitting means for enabling the processor to transmit the identifier and the address of the remote content location to a central location;

receiving means for enabling the processor to receive a request for the electronic work from the central location, wherein the request includes an instruction to provide the electronic work to a specified location;

retrieving means for enabling the processor to retrieve the electronic work from memory;
and

providing means for enabling the processor to provide the electronic work to the specified location.

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